GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2285
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001
HIGH LEVEL EXPERT COMMITTEE ON R & D IN FERTILISER SECTOR
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level expert Committee has been constituted for research and development in the fertilizer sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with its terms of reference;

(c) whether the Government propose to raise the limit of FDI in Fertilizer Sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the budgetary allocation for Research and Development as compared to the last three years for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) & (b): Government has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Fertilizers to suggest ways and means to promote short term and long term R&D activities/programmes in fertilizer and allied areas.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise

(e): Government had extended grant-in-aid of Rs. 4.00 crore for R&D activitiesin the fertilizer sector during the years 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000. For the current financial year i.e. 2000-2001, a budgetary provision of Rs. 4.00 crore has been made.